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In the Specification:

At page 6, after line 15, please insert the following new paragraph:

Figure 8C is a back view of a dual clip path apparatus according to certain embodiments of the present invention.

At page 13, please replace the paragraph starting at line 5, with the below amended paragraph.

As also shown in Figure 8A, the clip advancement assembly 300 can include a stop anvil 328 that can be positioned above the pusher pawl 325. The stop anvil 328 can have a downwardly extending portion 328d that, in operation, forces the pusher pawl 325 to pivot down and disengage the clips 14 as shown in Figure 8B when the cylinder 310 has the rod 310r in a retracted state. Figure 8B shows both the clip advancement assembly 300 with the associated cylinder 310 and the clip retraction assembly 200 with the associated cylinder 210 in a rest state (*i.e.*, neither engaged with clips). Figure 8C shows that the clipping apparatus can comprise first and second axially spaced apart separate punch paths, both of which may employ the clip advancement assembly 300. In other embodiments, the first and second punch paths may employ differently configured clipping devices, such as one of the punching configurations used in one of the two punch paths shown in the double clipper apparatus described in U.S. 5,167,567 and/or U.S. Patent 5,495,701, both incorporated by reference above. In any event, the dual clip paths can be configured so that two spaced apart clips may be applied to a target product generally concurrently as is known to those of skill in the art.